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## HOSPITAL AT CUTTING EDGE

The William Harvey Hospital is now Kent's number one life-saving service for heart patients, for whom every second counts.

A new specialist centre has opened at the hospital that will treat the most seriously ill cardiac patients with the latest, most effective procedures.

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■ BY MIKE BENNETT

A CLAMPDOWN on drunken behaviour on the streets of Ashford is being tackled by the Army... the Salvation Army.

The scheme that started in London to curb street gangs seven years ago has proved so successful they now operate in 170 towns across Britain.

Street Pastors aim to deal with mainly alcohol fuelled challenges in a non-confrontational manner to bring peace and safety to the streets, and they have the backing of both the police and Ashford council.

Salvation Army Lt Mark Scott said: "The best comment from the public I like is that we are a kind of walking bus for drunks".

For the united churches, Lt Scott said the Urban Trinity of Christians working with local government and police represented getting out and doing things in the community.

He said: "We are united to make a real difference on the streets, from picking people out of the gutters or issuing flip-flops to females that have lost shoes. I am excited this service is coming to our town".

All volunteers will have to complete an intensive 12-week training course and are expected to donate £300 towards the service.

At a public meeting in Willesborough Baptist Church cabinet member for community safety Cllr Michael Cloughton said he was delighted to be involved at the start of the new initiative.

He said: "This partnership between the churches, the local authority and police can

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# Specialist unit goes to heart of the problem

■ BY MIKE BENNETT

MINUTES matter in the race for life and Kent heart attack victims now have a better chance of survival thanks to a life-saving new service in Ashford.

The specialist centre at the William Harvey Hospital takes patients from across the county for an urgent angioplasty procedure to unblock an artery carrying blood to the heart.

Under local anaesthetic, a small balloon is inserted via an artery in the groin or arm and guided to the blockage. Once in place it is inflated and removed, leaving behind a 'stent' which allows blood to flow through freely.

Before its introduction heart attack victims were given injections of clot-busting drugs.

### Blockage

In Kent up to 1,000 people a year suffer the most serious complete blockage of an artery and they will now be treated in the new unit led by ten top cardiologists with expert teams of nurses, radiographers and cardiac physiologists ready and waiting to operate around the clock.

Kent Cardiovascular network lead and consultant Dr Bet Mishra, said: "To ensure patients recover well, coronary artery flow needs to be re-established as quickly as possible to limit damage to the heart muscle.

"Clinical evidence shows using primary angioplasty as the main treatment will save about 240 more lives a year in the UK and lead to improved recovery for many others.

"It has fewer complications and reduces the rates of future heart attacks and prevent around 260 strokes a year.

"It also reduces the time patients spend in hospital from up to nine days to around three."

Time is crucial and research



**LIFE-SAVING:** Primary angioplasty procedure to unblock a clogged artery

shows the best results come when patients are treated within 150 minutes of their attack.

Dr Mishra, said: "Maximum ambulance travelling times from all postcodes in Kent will be 75 minutes but for 'blue light' emergency calls it will be shorter".

David Davis is the clinic co-ordinator for the Ambulance Service.

He said: "This is the first in the South East to provide a county-wide service for heart attack patients. It gives victims the opportunity to walk away with little or no damage to the heart after a major scare.

"The key is to call 999 and paramedics will establish whether they need to be taken to Ashford on a red light call."

In its first month the unit dealt with 96 patients.

Bryan Sutton, 51, from London Road, Deal, was the first patient treated and he was back full of health with his relieved wife Kerry, for the official launch.

He said: "At 4am I was poorly at home with what I thought was indigestion. At 9.30am I phoned my doctor and he sent an ambulance and within half an hour I was in the William Harvey unit watching on screen as they carried out the procedure that took just 22 minutes.

"My pain was instantly relieved and it saved my life. Everything was so professional and calm and I was sent home after just three days and have felt great ever since".

## Swift praise for garden displays

ONE of the television experts who presents the Chelsea Flower Show has spent a day in the Garden of England judging Kent's own version.

Celebrity TV gardener Joe Swift spent last Friday in the glorious east Kent countryside at the launch of four dramatic show gardens at Jacksons' Fencing headquarters outside Ashford at Stowting.

The gardens resulted from a national challenge set by the company that invited designers to use their creative flair to develop a garden that is environmentally friendly and sustainable.

The results were stunning and unlike those at the premier London showcase, were realistic and affordable for the average amateur rather than packed with exotic plants and products, with massive trees and

shrubs mechanically moved into position.

After opening the mini show site by breaking a daisy chain Mr Swift said the winners had show inspiration in creating four special and different gardens and praised the Richard Jackson for staging the challenge.

He said: "On Sunday I will begin filming for the BBC at Chelsea but this is important for the garden industry as it brings together gardeners and designers to show just what can be produced on a realistic budget using local products".

The winning designs included The Haven by Mark Smith from Ramsgate, who for 20 years worked as a green keeper in the town before working as a self-employed contractor that included caring for Ramsgate

## 'We welcome their caring, listening and helping efforts'

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churches, the local authority and police can make a significant difference.

"Problems do exist with some headline making anti-social behaviour issues.

"With growth we need a greater sense of community spirit and with the Street Pastors we welcome their caring, listening and helping efforts".

His message was supported by police Chief Inspector John Frayne who said his initial fears about clerics walking through the High Street late on Friday and Saturday nights had been dismissed after speaking with colleagues in other towns.

He said: "They have a real role to play. They reach out and are non-confrontational. They help support our efforts so I welcome the scheme."

In his keynote address the Reverend Ray Bell, from the Ascension Trust, said the pastors will work in teams of four patrolling the streets, pubs and clubs in casual clothes between 10pm and 4am.

They will target in particular younger people who feel themselves excluded and aim to build trust and provide the vulnerable with support and quality time to listen.

For details of Ashford Street Pastors contact Tom Pelham on 01233 332631.

## Town business on agenda at meeting

THE town centre partnership is holding a follow up meeting to discuss businesses issues in the town.

A spokesman for the partnership said: "Following a successful meeting in February when more than 40 people attended, the June gathering will contain an update on action points people wanted to see in place in our business planning.

"There will also be a presentation by the Valuation Office on the Business Rating System for 2010. If you have any questions on this subject, we would be pleased to pass these in advance of the meeting to the valuation officer attending so contact us at [info@ashfordtcp.co.uk](mailto:info@ashfordtcp.co.uk)."

The meeting will be held at the Kent Invicta of Commerce in Sevington on Thursday June 17 at 5.45pm.

Attendees need to register by June 7 for refreshment purposes, email: [info@ashfordtcp.co.uk](mailto:info@ashfordtcp.co.uk).

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**SHOW GARDEN:** One of the stunning displays

Croquet Lawns, before taking a garden design course at Hadlow College and a degree at Greenwich University.



# Historians clash over plan to revamp church

■ BY ED HILL

**THE** future of St Mary's Church hangs in the balance after a hearing on Friday.

The church was transformed into a courtroom with all the trappings of the law, including gowns, wigs and cross examinations for a Commissary Court hearing.

The Commissary Court is an Anglican legal body dating back to William the Conqueror, making it the oldest court in Britain. While not as powerful as it once was, it still makes decisions about planning issues and contract disputes affecting the church.

A lot is resting on its decision, not only for the church building itself but for the town's future.

The Rev Colin Preece and many of his congregation, along with Ashford council, want to transform the inside of the church into a space that can be used for public performance and exhibitions, as well as worship.

But Chris Cooper, of the Church Yard, Ashford, and the Victorian Society, object to the changes, particularly the removal of 19th century pews from the nave.

His Honour Richard Walker is the judge (Commissary-General) who will ultimately rule on the £1.3 million re-ordering of the inside of the church taking place.

Chris Cooper suggested to Rev Preece that the new plans for the interior had been done with "no sensitivity whatsoever". It was a "quick fix solution" to provide the town with a new performance space and would radically change the character of the building to its detriment.

But the Rev Preece, who has been in his post for seven years, said it was a rare opportunity to spend money on the church: "The building is in need of repair. We can spend this large amount of money that we could never raise ourselves. The cost of the upkeep to the congregation is a terrible burden. The flexibility will enable traditional worship. The Victorians added pews to suit their liturgical needs of the day. We are just doing the same."

Although not objecting totally to the changes, the Victorian Society argued whether it was really necessary to remove the pews from the centre section of the church.

The society's barrister Mark Blackett-Ord said: "The society feels this is a cheap modernisation and the inside of the church will be spoilt. The case in favour is terribly weak."

However, barrister John Gallagher, representing those in favour of the changes, said the Victorian Society had already agreed to the removal of trip hazards such as heating pipes next to the pews and access for disabled people.

He said: "None of the works will affect the church in an adverse way. Of course it will look different. It is a living, developing building for the use of the community. This is a wonderful opportunity to join with the local authority and further the mission of the church."

The Commissary General said he hopes to make his decision by the end of June.



Picture ED HILL



DESIGNS: The new interior of St Mary's Church

## Rare vehicle is recovered by road

A SIX-wheeled quad bike worth £8,000 has been recovered after it was taken from a farm in Woodchurch.

It was part of a haul that also included horse equipment worth £2,000.

The burglary took place during the early hours of May 18. A five bar gate worth £500 was smashed during the raid.

The damaged quad bike was found later the same day in Coldblow Lane by local officer, PC Justin Farrow.

He said: "I saw the vehicle on the side of the road. I checked the crime reports for stolen vehicles, confirmed it had been stolen and recovered it. Six-wheeled quad bikes are not that common."

"I spoke to a witness who had seen the quad bike being ridden earlier in the day by a white man wearing a yellow T-shirt."

Police would like to speak to anyone who has information, call 01622 690690, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## PCSOs find bike hidden in woods

POLICE have seized a motor bike abandoned in woodland in The Warren.

PCSO Luke Sykes and PCSO Dan Smith followed a man on the bike when he was seen riding it in Warren Road and then into the country park.

The bike is a racing bike designed for competition and illegal to use on public roads. The use of motorcycles is also banned in the Warren.

The officers found the bike hidden under bushes and seized it.

PCSO Sykes said: "We have had complaints from local residents about off-road bikes being used at the Warren and so we are keeping a close eye on the area."

The incident happened on Friday, May 7, at about 7pm.

## Free festival to Create a fun family atmosphere

MORE than 40 bands will be playing at this year's Create Festival along with other entertainment.

Acts on the four music stages include Green Day tribute act Green Date, who will be headlining on the main stage, indie folk singer Nic Bennett on the Regency Marquee Stage and local band Flat Lung on the Right Track stage.

More than 5,000 people are expected to turn up for the free festival on Sunday, July 25.

Create Festival is sponsored by Ashford council, Right Track Music School, Audio Energy and Regency Marquees.

There will also be record spinners on the DJ Annexe Stage headlined by Adam White. Other entertainment includes a large hog roast, barbecue, food stalls, fun fair, beer tent and cocktail bar.

Local artist Oliver Winconek will also be doing a live paint on the day.

Organisers say people can bring their own food but no glass will be allowed into the festival.

For more information go to [www.myspace.com/createfestival](http://www.myspace.com/createfestival).

## Development works to link up the town

WORK on a key project to promote the town's growth plans is about to begin.

Kent County Council has just signed a contract with the construction company Volker Fitzpatrick to start on the link road Victoria Way to the south of the town centre.

Planners hope the project will pave the way for substantial business and commercial development in the area.

Judith Armitt, managing director of Ashford's Future, said: "This

is the most significant project to start in Ashford since the ring road and the new shared space.

Together with the works to junction 9 of the M20 and Drover's roundabout this will not only improve traffic flow it will also allow developers to invest in extra jobs, homes and leisure opportunities.

The tree-lined avenue will include wide pavements cycle and traffic turning lanes, landscaping and the opportunity for new shops, restau-

rants and cafés and homes.

The road itself and some of the landscaping will be completed by March 2011.

The new route will run from Victoria Road opposite the railway through old industrial land to join the A28 near Great Chart.

The centrepiece of the first phase will be the new Wallis Square outside

Victoria Road Primary School.

Council leader Paul Bartlett said: "It is a very exciting development

which will improve access to the town centre, create a new vibrant square and encourage inward investment to an area that has been neglected for a good number of years."

The project has been given £16.5 million in community infrastructure funding from the Communities and Local Government Department and the Department of Transport.

The Homes and Communities Agency have overall responsibility for its delivery.



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**PACKED:** There was standing room only at the meeting at Bockhanger Community Centre to discuss housing

# 250 say 'no' to home plan which ruins countryside

MORE than 250 people attended a meeting to oppose plans for 1,200 new homes in Kennington.

Residents say the plan proposed by Ashford council will ruin the countryside in a Special Landscape Area.

They have named their campaign Avatar after the movie of the same name where the blue Navi people fight to protect their homeland from destruction.

During the meeting at Bockhanger Community Centre, residents heard from a number of experts and local people.

Winston Michael, chairman of the action group, said: "All these extra homes will put an unbearable strain on local schools and healthcare facilities.

"Residents do not feel that they have been properly consulted on these plans, nor do they feel they have been given a proper opportunity to comment to Ashford Borough Council, so this meeting was an effort to redress the balance."

Kennington resident Ken Blanshard, a former district council leader and leading member of the South East strategic planning body SERPLAN, said he felt the Kennington North proposals were flawed for two reasons.

He said: "In the past, councils have found that peripheral housing development on

■ BY ED HILL

green field sites and alongside by-passes and ring-roads, has led to the wide-spread decline of town centres.

"For that reason all councils are now under a clear duty to plan for such housing development in sustainable locations, and to exhaust brownfield sites before using greenfield sites.

"Secondly, there is the additional problem of heavy lorries getting from the A251 to the A28 as well as the M20 on cramped and narrow roads, causing local road safety hazards, environmental damage, pollution and annoyance."

The proposals show 600 homes could be built on farmland in Kennington North and another 600 erected on the recreation ground where Ashford Hockey Club currently has its facilities. They also include a possible link road between the A251 and A28.

Protect Kent has also objected to the proposals. Brian Lloyd from the group said the council's own planning policy was to give long-term protection to conservation and enhancement of natural beauty over other planning considerations.

A petition with 150 signatures opposing the plans was also made to hand to council planners.

## New PCSO happy to hear your concerns

RESIDENTS of Park Farm and Knights Park have a new Police Community Support Officer.

Pauline Stevens began covering the area just a few weeks ago. Before becoming a PCSO she worked for Kent County Council and the NHS as a community involvement worker.

She said: "As people are getting to know me they are coming to me to talk about problems or concerns they may have.

"I enjoy the fact that every day is different and I get to meet lots of people."

To contact PCSO Stevens phone 01233 896332.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Hit-and-run driver hunted

A YOUNG mother crossing the road with her baby has narrowly missed being run down by a 4x4.

The 24-year-old was crossing Nettlefield Road in Kennington when a dark coloured 4x4 driven by a man came along the road. The driver did not stop and the woman was forced to push the pram with her baby out of the path of the vehicle.

She was hit by the car and knocked to the ground.

PC Michael Baksh said: "Fortunately she only sustained bruising as a result of this collision.

"It was a very frightening experience. I am keen to speak to anyone who may have seen this dark coloured 4x4 type vehicle."

The hit and run happened at 1.45pm on Tuesday, May 11.

If you have information call police on 01622 690690 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## Robberies suspect bailed

POLICE have arrested an 18-year-old in connection with three robberies in Ashford committed by a man on a bike.

The Ashford man has been questioned and released on bail until June 20. He has been quizzed in relation to three robberies in which women had their handbags or purses grabbed by a man on a bike.

The last attack happened in Kingsnorth Road on Wednesday, May 5, at about 12.20pm. The first robbery was on April 26 in Beaver Road and the second was on May 4 also in Kingsnorth Road.

## Tribute to wrestling coach

WRESTLING trainer to the stars Andre Baker has died at the age of 45.

Nicknamed The Sledgehammer, Mr Baker ran the former NWA-UK Hammerlock School in the town. Past students include TNA wrestler Douglas Williams and former WWE stars Paul Burchill and Katie Lea.

Several wrestling news sites are reporting that Mr Baker committed suicide last weekend, but this has not been confirmed.

Former student Dean Ayass paid tribute to his mentor in The Sun. He said: "It's so sad that you left us so early, but your legacy lives on in the work of those you gave a start to."



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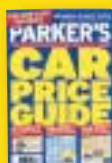
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# Baby monkey is saved by park staff's quick actions

■ BY ED HILL

A BABY Colobus monkey at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park is back with his mother and doing well after an uncertain start in life.

The newborn male, named Sobek, was found by keepers collapsed on the floor of his enclosure. He was breathing irregularly so he was rushed to the park's resident vet Jane Hopper.

She said: "It was immediately clear that Sobek was very weak."

"He was put on intravenous fluids straight away and given glucose."

"It was a tense wait, but within five minutes he started moving a tiny bit, and within an hour was almost back to normal and was able to take fluids from a syringe."

"For some reason Sobek had been unable to feed from his mother for some time and had collapsed due to low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) and dehydration."

Head primate keeper Simon Jeffrey hand-fed Sobek throughout that night. The next morning the veterinary team sedated his mother, Sonsa in order to check she had milk.

Ms Hopper said: "We latched him on to her teat and gradually woke up his mother, and he hasn't looked back."

Sobek is now out and about in the monkey's



## CONSTANT CARE:

Hand-feeding by head primate keeper Simon Jeffrey saved black and white Colobus monkey Sobek until he was able to feed from his mother again

open-topped enclosure with his mother, father Tyr and the rest of the family group. Sobek was named, like his entire family group, after an Egyptian god.

Port Lympne has more than 20 black and white Colobus monkeys, which live in small family groups in forests across eastern Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon and eastwards to South West Sudan and Uganda.

Mr Jeffrey said: "It's great to see Sobek enjoying himself with the other youngsters after a bit of a shaky start in life. The Colobus love the warmer weather so are currently basking in

the sun. Intervention is always a last resort, but I am glad Jane and the team stepped in and we were able to give this monkey a chance."

For more information on visiting the Colobus monkeys at Port Lympne and the work of the Aspinall Foundation with rare and endangered primates visit [www.aspinallfoundation.org](http://www.aspinallfoundation.org)

When Sobek is older he will develop black adult colours with a distinctive mantle of long white fur across his shoulders and lower back, and long white tuft on his tail.

The animals are threatened in the wild by logging, deforestation and hunting.

## Cyclists' £30,000 hospice challenge

A 70-MILE bike ride around Kent has raised more than £30,000 for charity.

The money came from first Cycle Challenge organised in aid of the Pilgrims Hospices.

More than 600 cyclists donned their lycra outfits to cycle 70 miles between the three hospices in Ashford, Canterbury and Thanet.

They were joined by Olympic gold medallist Jamie Staff, right, who provided plenty of encouragement to his fellow cyclists. Among these were Team Pilgrims from Pilgrims Hospices, including doctors, nurses, support staff and volunteers.



At each hospice forget-me-not flowers were scattered as a mark of remembrance by friends and relatives who had been helped by the hospice service.

Jamie Staff said: "I was so impressed at the number of people who took part in the Cycle Challenge. There was such an enthusiastic atmosphere at each hospice and a real sense of camaraderie."

"It was a humbling experience and really accentuated how important the Hospices services are"

Fund-raising manager Deborah Kellond said: "Many people had been in training for weeks, and despite sore bottoms and exhausted limb, everyone returned in good spirits knowing that they had done something incredible."

For details of upcoming events please visit [www.pilgrimshospice.org](http://www.pilgrimshospice.org).

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### ALAN TERRY



#### Q What new exhibits do you have for this year?

**A** The first new display that we have is a load of items given to us by a metal detector enthusiast. All the items that he has given us come from the area. He has been doing it for quite a while so there must be about three or four hundred different objects, such as coins and tools.

We have an exhibition to mark the hundredth anniversary of the girl guides. The local troupe have come in and made an exhibition about the history of the Ashford branch.

Upstairs we also have an exhibit on four decades of Ashford which include the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. It is made up of various pictures from the time, although we do not have so much on the sixties. It seems there was not much going on in the town then.

The final new exhibit is about the local fire brigade. At one time it was thought to have been the oldest in the country but we then found out they were just beaten by Hythe down the road by a few months.

#### Q What is the history of the museum?

**A** We opened in 1989. We are housed in the first Grammar School in Ashford next to the tourist information centre in St Mary's Churchyard. The one built to replace it has since been pulled down. We are effectively charged a peppercorn rent by the council to be

in the building. We have slowly built up the collection to what it is today and we are staffed entirely by volunteers.

#### Q Where do you get most of your exhibits from?

**A** Most come from local people. Now people know that we are here they do bring items in. If they find old pictures for example they come to us and we can see if we can help them. I would say a big percentage of the stuff that we have is on display at the moment.

#### Q Would you like more space?

**A** It would be good to have more space but we do like being in such an old historic building. It is also in a very good location right in the town centre. It is great when we have American tourists come in to be able to tell them the building was built in 1635. That really impresses them. We also get visitors from Australia and Europe and we have a regular group over from a school in Belgium each year. The main problem we have is storage.

#### Q What is your favourite object in the collection?

**A** I think my favourite exhibit is the fourteenth century French Thrusting Sword. It was found in Chilmington in a quarry about three years ago. It's a big thing about three feet long. It was designed for thrusting at your

opponent rather than duelling. It is in excellent condition. We don't know how it ended up in Ashford. Whether it was thrown away or lost we just don't know. We suspect that it was brought back by some English traveller or soldier in an old campaign in the past.

#### Q What exhibits are you working on in the future?

**A** For next year we hope to do something on the two prisoner of war camps that were in Stanhope. We have a clock that was made by the German prisoners while they were there. Just after we put it on show a former prisoner came in and said, "Good Lord I was there when that was being made". It was built from anything they could scrounge at the time. It does still work but it makes a real racket so we don't wind it up very often.

We also want to do something about the school there and are looking at doing an exhibition about smuggling in the area. We also hope to do something on the barracks at Barrow Hill and something about Repton Manor.

If anyone can help us with those topics we would like to hear from them.

#### Q When is the museum open and how can people find out more?

**A** We are open from April to November between 10 and 1pm. Anyone who wants to find out more, or who might be interested in volunteering, can call 01233 631511.

# Q & A

Alan Terry, the curator at Ashford Museum, talks to **Ed Hill** about what is currently on display, all the interesting pieces they get from local people and what is in store for the public to see in the future



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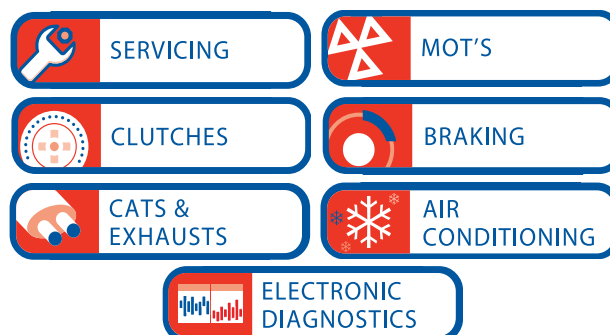
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# Planners consider £10m garden centre scheme

■ BY ED HILL

A CONTROVERSIAL planning application to build a £10 million garden centre at the Eureka Leisure Park will be discussed by town planners tonight.

The scheme has been proposed by nationwide garden chain Dobbies, and would include a food hall, gardens, and other attractions.

The plans have already been rejected by the committee after a campaign from the Bybrook Garden Centre attracted a large online petition against the proposals.

However, the building had been recommended to be passed by the council's own planning officer.

Under new laws if a planning committee goes against the advice of its planning officer they can request that decision is deferred. This is so committee members can justify their decision in case an appeal is launched by the company.

This is the first time a planning officer in Ashford has made the request since the laws were introduced in 2008.

In a report for committee members, the portfolio holder for development management Cllr Richard Honey said the council's position was uncertain, despite the general feeling that the application was not appropriate.



**DECISION TIME:** The controversial garden centre proposed by Dobbies is on land originally designated for leisure use

He said: "I would much prefer this site to be put to a more meaningful use than a garden centre. However, the question really comes down to whether or not this scheme is so objectionable on this site in land use planning terms that it should not be permitted. I personally doubt that to be the case."

"Members will need to examine the evidence on the need for employment land very carefully to ensure that their decision is soundly-based and defensible on appeal."

The land at Eureka Park had been outlined for leisure uses such as an ice rink or skate park. Employment for the area was hoped to be

mainly office-based workers rather than retail.

But Dobbies, which is part of the Tesco group, says competition with other independent retailers does not represent a reason to refuse their plans. They say their scheme, which also has the backing of the local chamber of commerce, will create 120 jobs in the area.

The planning officer has recommended that the council's main justification for refusing the application should be on the grounds that it will not create the right type of employment. They may also mention possible traffic congestion and a garden centre not qualifying as leisure use.



## Pupils' fresh look at Jacobean tragedy

ASHFORD Youth Theatre recently performed their production of *Tis Pity She's a Whore* by John Ford.

The group updated the Jacobean tragedy, first performed in 1629, to the 1920s. The cast is made up of performers from all of the town's secondary schools.

Organiser Stella Critchley who organises the group said: "Jacobean plays have a very dark side but the play is also very funny. We have a very talented cast."

## Folk club welcomes transatlantic guest

THE Tenterden Folk Club will be welcoming David Jones from America at its next session at the White Lion Pub.

Folk singer Mr Jones is originally from England but now lives in New Jersey.

He has a large repertoire of traditional and contemporary folksongs from both sides of the Atlantic.

The show will be in the Saddlery at The White Lion Hotel on the High Street from 8pm on Tuesday, June 29. Tickets cost £7 on the door or £6 in advance from the Tenterden Folk Festival. Email [info@tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk) or telephone 01233 626805.

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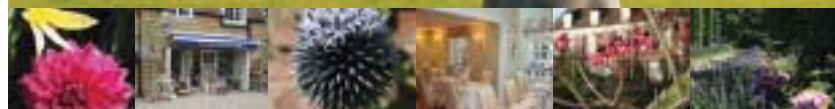
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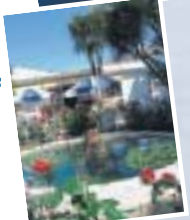
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THE night of the first leaders' debate in Manchester was just about the most surreal of my life.

The debate itself took place in Granada Studios, a few hundred yards down the road from the plush surroundings of the Hilton Hotel – home to 'Spin Alley' – which is where I spent the evening.

This was a vast, high-ceilinged, wood-panelled chamber with a huge cinema screen at one end, in front of two dozen rows of desks where the hundred-odd hacks from national and international newspapers and broadcasters tapped away ferociously at their laptops.

At the back of the room, scaffolding was set up for the BBC, ITV and Sky News to broadcast from, and space for the reporters to hobnob with politicians and spin doctors while TV and radio producers scuttled around.

I was there as part of the Lib Dem team, my main task being to negotiate my way round the room with the now Energy and Climate Change Secretary Chris Huhne, mingling with the journos, making sure he was in the right place for the Newsnights, Skys and 5 Lives, and discussing the night's star turn by Nick Clegg.

We watched the debate on a flat-screen TV in our private green room behind the main chamber, alongside Paddy Ashdown, Vince Cable, Danny Alexander and colleagues from the press office, chewing tiny egg and cress sandwiches and processed ham wraps.

### Applause

To be honest, it was hard to keep any real sense of perspective as the debate went on.

There was much pacing around and whispering in ears, as well as the odd cheer and applause when Nick came out with a great line or a well-made argument.

As it went on, we all had the sense that Nick was doing well – we were watching the ITV 'worm', the online polls and the reaction on Twitter – but what did people watching at home think?

Nick, despite all the plaudits that came his way following his performance, started with a huge disadvantage. The Liberal Democrats, to put it bluntly, didn't have the luxury of being able to import expensive advisers from the Obama campaign, or any other, as Labour and the Tories did.

Nick's preparation, in which I played only a minor part, was carried out very much in-house and from scratch.

But it seemed to work. As the debate drew to a close, we prepared to head back to Spin Alley to put our side of events across to the journalists and broadcasters in the hope it would be reflected in the instant coverage and the following morning's papers.

The room, which had been crowded, but relatively quiet before the debate, was now a full-blown media circus.

Everywhere you looked there were secretaries of state, Alastair Campbells and Charlie Whelans, George Osbornes and William Hague, surrounded by crowds half-a-dozen deep of cameramen and hacks scribbling away in shorthand and shouting their questions.

We were surrounded as we entered and it was clear from the first questions that people

# History was being made before my very eyes



Two years ago reporter PHIL REILLY left KOS Media for his dream job – to be a press officer at Liberal Democrat Party HQ. A passionate supporter of the party, even he did not foresee the General Election would produce a Cabinet with five Lib Dem members. Here, he gives an exclusive behind-the-scenes account of the first televised leaders' debate that started the bandwagon which ended with Nick Clegg named as Deputy Prime Minister



**LEADING MAN:** Nick Clegg, left, speaks during the first TV debate in Manchester

had seen the debate the same way we had. Nick Clegg had won, and won convincingly.

This was reinforced as the first instant polls flooded in, which spread through the room in a mass game of Chinese whispers.

All of a sudden Peter Mandelson wafted into the room.

I was several feet away with my back to him, but I noticed all the journalists in my peripheral vision scurrying in the same direction. A huge huddle enveloped him – all camera lenses, raised hands and shrieked fragments of questions.

For a few minutes he held them all rapt as he repeated his pre-prepared line – that Nick had won on style, but Brown on substance – and then he wafted away again as quickly as

he had arrived.

As the mêlée continued I found myself barged by Cabinet ministers, glared at by opposition spin doctors, gossiping with BBC correspondents and shooting the breeze with Theresa May's aide as we waited for our charges to finish debating on Newsnight.

Soon enough the print journalists wrapped up, their copy filed, and headed, presumably, for the hotels and bars of central Manchester.

The broadcasters continued their work for another hour or two, but slowly the number of people milling around behind them dwindled and everyone went their separate ways.

It was all quite a lot to take in.

For two years leading up to this point, my job had been to fight for every scrap of coverage

possible for the Lib Dems in newspapers and on television.

The media is used to seeing everything as a tug-of-war between Labour and the Tories, especially with the prospect of a close election and a change of government looming, so airtime and column inches were hard to come by.

In an hour and a half of primetime television all that changed, and as the evening progressed that fact slowly dawned on me.

As we packed away our laptops in the green room afterwards Paddy Ashdown came in to congratulate us all.

But he also sounded a note of caution, warning us that Nick's success would make him a target as never before.

Despite this, my press office colleagues and I stumbled our way back to the nearby Premier Inn at around midnight, excitedly trying to read the next day's front pages on BlackBerries and iPhones.

### Headlines

What happened in the days and weeks that followed – 'Cleggmania', the bizarre 'Clegg in Nazi Slur on Britain' headlines, the two debates, the press conferences, the round-the-clock campaigning, the journalists and photographers camped outside the office, election night and the disappointment that the surge subsided as people's pencils hovered over the ballot papers, the 'big, open and comprehensive offer', the days and nights of negotiations with the Conservatives and Labour, the coalition agreement, the announcement of Cabinet posts and the special conference – all passed so quickly that now it all seems one long blur.

I've barely had a full night's sleep since the campaign began, so it's hard to take stock of it all right now.

It has been the most full-on, exhilarating and exhausting experience of my life. Now, of course, comes the governing.

I don't suppose it's going to get much easier.

## Working towards changing young lives

IT WAS a day many young people with learning and physical disabilities will remember as one that changed their lives.

Organised by the Education Business Partnership (EBP), a small, Thanet-based charity, more than 800 children from 41 special schools and colleges were ferried from across Kent for an day of exploration and hope for the future at The Rare Breeds Centre in Woodchurch, near Ashford.

Their mission was to develop skills and employment opportunities for those who face more life challenges than most.

It gave the chance for students to take part in hands-on activities with potential employers and speak to professionals about the multitude of career paths available, despite disability.

Executive director Anne McNulty, said: "To have so many young people together to find out that they are not alone in facing life's challenges was fantastic.

"This event proves to Kent employers – and we have links with 14,000 companies – how wonderful it is to have a special

person on the staff and convince them to give more opportunities for the disabled."

The Canterbury Oast Trust-run charity visitor attraction is a shining example of what can be done.

They have created almost 100 worthwhile jobs for those not able to cope for themselves outside a safe and supportive environment.

They aim to empower individuals to reach their potential, nurture their aspirations, draw out talent to develop self esteem, independence and a sense of achievement.

Evidence was available for all to see and be inspired by as the disabled cared for the animals, delivered the catering services, were growing and selling plants, and serving in the retail outlets, bringing them into contact with the public and helping to break down barriers and foster greater understanding of disability.

Others are trained in arts and crafts, computer skills, and woodland management and crafts.

## Sky enjoys the party at greyhound anniversary

A GREYHOUND rescue group celebrated its first anniversary and 100th re-homed dog this month.

Pet owners gathered for a party, where greyhound Sky was the centre of attention. He shared sausages, dog biscuits and a gallop around the paddock with other rescued hounds from across the county.

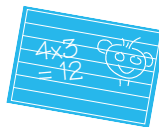
The charity found a loving home for ex-racer Sky in Herne Bay. He ended up at Kent Greyhound Rescue in March.

Sky is an unusual dog with a blueish coat with small white 'snowflake' patches throughout. He had been suffering from malnutrition and was very reserved due to his training. He now lives with new owners, Dan and Annie.

Kent Greyhound Rescue raised more than £500 towards helping unwanted, abandoned and mistreated dogs by holding a raffle and selling limited edition puppyganda clothing.

Visit [www.kentgreyhoundrescue.com](http://www.kentgreyhoundrescue.com) for information about re-homing a greyhound.





## BREAK TIME

### George swings into first place in comp

A YOUNG golfer from the Towers School has claimed first place in Kent Schools Golf Tournament.



**TEE TIME:** George Woollaston

George Woollaston was taking part with fellow Towers pupil Toby Owen at the tournament held at Bearsted Golf Club.

He said: "We were both feeling unsure as to what the day had in store for us. As my name was called to the first tee I was really nervous but I managed to calm myself down and I didn't make any major mistakes."

"As I finished my round I was very happy with my gross score of 75, net 69, and was surprised to see where I was on the leader board. I was very proud to represent the Towers School."

### New principle to start at Homewood

A NEW principle will be taking over at Homewood School and Six Form Centre in Tenterden in August.

Sally Lees is replacing William Cotterall in the post and has already visited several times since her appointment to get to know the staff and students.

Mr Cotterall says he wants to ensure the handover is as seamless as possible so that learning focus is not interrupted.

# Students make ground in creating wooden designs

■ BY ED HILL

STUDENTS at the Ashford School of Art and Design have been given the chance to come up with ideas for wooden playgrounds.

Maidstone firm, Plane and Simple, were looking for new ideas to inspire children in the playgrounds they make.

Owner, Nigel Moon, said: "We were looking for great concepts that we could then manufacture. For the students, it has been about showing them how to transfer a great idea into something that is practical to make in our workshop. I think they struggled at the start to understand the constraints of working with wood but if they didn't get to grips with that then their plans would remain dreams and never become reality."

Plane and Simple have wooden playgrounds in schools and leisure parks across the country. The concepts were aimed at children aged five to 11 years-old.

The 3D design students made scale models to present to the company at the college's Henwood Campus.

Ben Hilliar from Ashford, incorporated nesting boxes and feeding areas for different animals at different heights in his model.

He said: "I tried to do it as near as you would do it in the factory by doing it with the panels that they use there, allowing for a tree to be inside it already, but also for a tree to be grown up the middle."

First year course lecturer, Martin Dodkins, said this was the first time they had worked with an employer in this way.



**PLAY TIME:** Back row, from left, Hannah Knott, Plane and Simple, Ben Hilliar and Lawrence Swan, students, Nigel Moon and Sarah Wickham, Plane and Simple, and Martin Dodkins, first year course lecturer. Front row, from left, students, Ali Karim, Natalie Lacey, Nurjahan Begum and Scott Beaumont, all show off their designs

"Students have grown very quickly in a very short space of time. They've had to learn to take criticism from professionals as opposed to tutors," he said.

The company presented students with £25 iTunes vouchers to say thank you for their work and says a number of the ideas may move into production.

Lawrence Sawn, 24, from Tenterden, said: "It was a fantastic opportunity to work with this company because this is what we're going to be doing in future."

"What we've learned in five months on this project, other people would have had to wait until they went to University to get the chance we have."

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# Fears plans to rebuild schools will be ditched

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A BILLION pound project which would see every secondary school in the county rebuilt or refurbished could be scrapped under the new Government's plans.

Ten of the 36 planned schools have started construction work and have contracts to finish the buildings, but the future could look bleak for the majority of Kent and Medway's secondary schools.

The celebrated Building Schools for the Future (BSF) project was introduced by Labour in 2005-06, in a bid to improve every secondary centre in the country.

And with Kent's overall BSF programme – the largest building scheme in Europe – worth an estimated £1.8 billion, County Hall officials believed it could transform 21st century education.

Last September, Tory Kent County Council leader Paul Carter praised the new schools initiative, stating it would give the county's young people first-class facilities.

But after the Con-Lib coalition took over government, spending plans under BSF – £55bn nationally – look set for review, with fears funding could be massively reduced.

Education chiefs are worried some of the cash outlined for the BSF programme could be used on academies – which are state-funded, but established and managed by sponsors – as well as the Tories' proposed 'free schools'.

These free schools would be state-funded, but set up by private organisations or parent and teacher groups to compete with state schools in a bid to drive up standards.

Despite initial praise from Cllr Carter for BSF, he told this newspaper he agreed with new education secretary Michael Gove, who called for a review of the scheme.

Cllr Carter said: "Whichever party came into government it's most unlikely we would have had the same amount of money due to spending cuts that need to be made. I'm expecting a cut of 25-35 per cent for BSF."

## Competition

Two weeks before the General Election Cllr Carter revealed his fears to the BBC over the free schools policy and academies, claiming they could threaten the local schools' budgets.

But he retracted his comments, claiming he was 100 per cent behind the then-shadow education secretary Michael Gove's plans.

He told KOS Media this week: "There is no disagreement between myself and Mr Gove."

"As long as there is fair competition and fair funding across the board, I think it's good to introduce some competition between schools."

But school heads not yet to sign contracts under the BSF programme fear if the scheme is scrapped they may not get their much-needed refurbishments.

Already £500m has been secured in Kent from Partnership for Schools, which is responsible for government's capital investment projects.

Andrew Somers is headteacher of



**UNDER CONSTRUCTION:** Work on some of the 36 new-look secondary schools is under way, or even finished

Hartsdown Technology College in Margate, one of the schools in the second wave of BSF without a signed contract.

"It would be a massive disappointment if it doesn't go ahead," he said.

"It would put us at a huge disadvantage against schools that have been refurbished. We can't deliver the new curriculum without these facilities."

"We're in one of the most deprived areas in Kent. Our school was built in the 1950s with flat roofs which leak – the sports hall roof cost £45,000 to repair."

"Without repairs we'd have to struggle on, but it's unfair on the pupils and staff."

Just down the road from Hartsdown is St George's CofE Foundation School in Broadstairs, one of the first to be completed under the BSF programme.

Headteacher Kim Stoner said the rebuild was "inspiring", with £1 million of ICT facilities and new open learning areas.

"This is the start of a new future for the school where everybody can realise their aspirations," she said.

Although Mrs Stoner would not comment on the possible axing of BSF funding, she admitted it would be disappointing for any schools to miss out.

Kent independent education advisor Peter Read echoed her words and said he would be furious if funding for BSF was cut with academies and free schools going ahead.

He said: "We are in a government financial crisis. I can understand the reduction in BSF, but to continue vast funding for academies while other schools in poor conditions are not being repaired is unforgivable. Funding for a new academy is more expensive at around £35m, whereas a BSF school is £20m."

"But Michael Gove sees it that if he scraps BSF and supports academies and free schools he still saves money."

Mr Read also hit out at the free schools policy, stating the centres would only benefit middle-class areas.

"Who is going to set up a school in a deprived area? And yet these are the places in greatest need," he said.

A statement from Partnership for Schools stated the Department for Education had not yet made a decision on BSF funding, but admitted the Government would be undertaking a full comprehensive spending review.

"Ministers will shortly be considering their spending priorities, which will take into account all areas of spending, including schools capital."

Picture: ANDRIAN KETTEL



## Endangered purple herons find sanctuary

A NESTING pair of purple herons have set up home in Dungeness – the first time in the UK.

The striking birds breed in southern Europe and visit the UK in small numbers each year.

But the nesting pair on the Dungeness peninsula are set to be the first to lay eggs and raise young in the country.

The RSPB has set up a round-the-clock guard to protect the birds, with the help of Kent Police.

Samantha Dawes, the RSPB's conservation manager in the South East, said: "Purple herons are high up on the list of birds that we expect to see setting up home in southern Britain as the changing climate pushes them further north."

Meanwhile the RSPB says the Dungeness nature reserve is under threat by the proposed expansion of Lydd airport – claims strongly denied by airport chiefs.



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## YOUR LETTERS



## Hadlum Court staff cared for my father

Following on from your article titled "Son's anguish at fire safety risks" I felt compelled to write to you to clarify some of the points raised by Mr Gower which I felt were unjustified and painted a far from truthful picture of the care offered by Joseph Hadlum Court staff.

The fire which occurred on the night of Monday, May 3 was caused by my father dropping a cigarette as we believe he fell asleep. I would like to inform you that the fire brigade said staff at Joseph Hadlum should be commended for their actions as they behaved quickly and professionally, following their fire evacuation procedures. Thankfully he was saved by Clive Douglas, a courageous fire fighter, however he has been severely burnt and will be in intensive care for quite some time. Hopefully he will be able to return to Joseph Hadlum Court where he has been very happy and well cared for by the staff.

At no point was there a risk to other residents and it has been noted that had he been in social housing there would have been no one to raise the alarm which could have resulted in a much greater risk to himself and neighbouring properties.

The care offered at Joseph Hadlum Court is of a sheltered accommodation set-up with extra care. This means that all the residents have their own apartments with a heightened level of care available if needed, enabling them to come and go as they please and live as independent a life as possible. As such, staff can't possibly be expected to police people when it comes to such habits as smoking in the privacy of their own homes.

It is not a care home where residents only have a room and eat in communal areas. To this end residents have their own kitchens or can eat in the restaurant with the other residents where a three course meal is provided from the centre at a cost of £1.75 per day. I wonder how many other residents claim the food to be of poor quality as my father certainly never did, nor did I when I have joined him.

Those needing the extra care, as did my father are assessed for their needs via social services and a care plan package is set in place with costs involved to the client. If at any time I felt that my father was paying for care that was inadequate or that he was receiving poor treatment from the staff, I can

## your blogger

Each week we get a mystery writer to air their views on living in the district of Ashford...



**THE** tragic suicide of Vicky Harrison has been much in the news.

Despite having 10 GCSEs, A-C, and three A-levels, she was unable to find a job despite applying for 200 positions. Sad? Yes. But understandable, perhaps.

Recently, a maths exercise book that had been used by the Prince of Wales at Gordonstoun in 1963 when he was 14 came to light.

Prince Charles failed his maths O-level first time round but passed the following year. A pass at O-level was equivalent to a C or better at GCSE today.

The work in the book was assessed by a professor at Plymouth University without knowledge of the owner's name. He commented that the level was at least an A grade today, with some of it now being in the A-level syllabus. And this without the aid of calculators or computers.

This disparity raises some pertinent questions as to the value of modern qualifications.

If a scraped pass in 1965 would now be rated at least grade A, what is the real level of grades B and C? Come to that, how would modern A-levels compare in standard with those of more than 40 years ago?

At the time Prince Charles was at school, I attended a direct-grant grammar school – an independent school that received a grant for accepting the brightest pupils from state primaries. The academic level was very high and pardon my scepticism, but I do not think that the modern generation are any

more intelligent than we were, all that time ago! More likely that the courses are more superficial and the exams less rigorous.

I blame successive governments forgiving pupils inflated perceptions of their abilities.

In the 1980s, combining O-level with the C.S.E. (Certificate of Secondary Education) was a good thing – it gave a level playing field. So too was the concept of the National Curriculum. If politicians had just stopped there, things would have been fine. But no, they had to keep meddling. Under the Thatcherite doctrines of privatisation and market forces, schools had to pretend to be businesses, striving for custom. Then there were blanket 'targets' – externally applied – which failed to differentiate between Education Authorities that retained selection and those that didn't. Combine targets with League Tables, and one has the pernicious situation that encourages schools effectively to cheat and place more emphasis on published exam results than the optimal education for each pupil.

We have ended up with thousands of graduates in obscure and woolly subjects from obscure and woolly universities. Education needs a root-and-branch clear-out and a new plan as radical as the 1944 Education Act. But we won't get it.

Poor Vicky Harrison.

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assure you that I would be the first to complain as would he.

All floors of the Joseph Hadlum Court have a communal television room where residents are able to gather if they wish and the court also has a gym, shop and hairdressers. There is interaction from St Mary's CofE Primary School where the pupils visit the court as well as residents visiting the school, the latest being the residents judging the Easter bonnet parade.

The court also has a very active social calendar which is published monthly and this month alone there are over 20 activities planned including bingo, a day trip, art classes and a church service to name but a few. This hardly sounds like the residents are left to do nothing if they don't have any visitors! As for pets not being allowed within the building, I am not sure where Mr Gower gets this information from. My father had a pet, as do many other residents within the court.

My father has been a smoker all his life and I do not see why people in their later years are expected to give this up. The court is as much of an apartment block as anything else, are we now expecting all elderly people living in social housing elsewhere to give up the right to smoke within their own homes?

My father and I were very happy with the care, facilities and staff at Joseph Hadlum Court and would like the public to know how much we appreciated all that they did for him whilst he was there and for the support that they have provided

the family and my father since he has been in hospital.

Mrs Elaine Bridger, Ashford



## Enough is enough with bad planning

It is very understandable that most Kenningtonians will object to the housing plan for the area.

Do we want these houses? No. Ashford's essential services are under extreme pressure as it is now. Where are all these people going to work?

When there is development at stake, money involved, and commercial greed come to the fore, I am afraid I can't see the powers-that-be taking any notice at all of local objections. They haven't in the past, why should they do so now?

In the case of Little Burton Farm, loss of countryside, the fact that land is Grade 1 Agricultural, and that it was necessary to destroy beautiful orchards, that it was on the Flood-Plain, close to and downwind of the sewage treatment

plant, etc, was ignored. Existing properties between Spearpoint and Pen lee Point had gates in their back fence to provide access so that people could walk down to the river. All that was lost. Where is the buffer zone between the new and old development that planners promised? Where are the trees in that zone that were to be planted?

Regarding the link road and given that this development is likely to go ahead, some benefit could be gained for the long-suffering residents of Canterbury Road, from Pen lee Point to Ball Lane, if a new link road were built. Traffic-calming measures could be introduced, offering some relief to Canterbury Road residents. If this plan does get the green light in full, then improvements to the quality of life in Canterbury Road must be put into effect.

The A28 is very busy, it is very much below standard, and is largely unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. A Kennington bypass should have been built to relieve the busiest stretches of Canterbury Road years ago, but building Little Burton Farm Estate put pay to that idea. An opportunity missed. So much for intelligent planning!

Like many others, I am not happy with the notion that the building of a link road might be offered by developers as a carrot, and might influence the granting of planning permission.

There are plenty of areas in England where towns have many houses standing empty, and which are crying out for revitalising and

development. Leave Kennington alone; enough is enough.

Finally, on Saturday, May 15, I attended a meeting which was organised as a protest against plans for a housing development and a construction of a new link road from Trinity Road to the A28. The Avatar Campaign.

There was a queue to enter the venue, whilst immediately inside the entrance were tables with sheets of paper on which people were entering their names and postcodes. I did the same. I had assumed these sheets were to be used as a record of attendance, and perhaps for (as an interested party) making future contact.

However, during the course of the meeting it came to the fore some people had not realised they had actually added their names to a petition. Some of the 'audience' realising this, sorted out their sheet, and crossed their names out (One such 'I think' was Cllr Clokie).

After the meeting numerous A4 sheets were spread about on which people had written their names. Plain sheets without any identification as to the cause they related to, could so easily be purloined, or borrowed, added to, and used to fight for any other cause.

When one signs a petition, must it be signed with a valid signature, or is just the process of writing in (entering) ones name sufficient? Does it become legal?

In my view, this so called "Avatar" petition as it stands, is invalid. Whether one supports it or not. The organisers of any such campaign should start off on a valid footing.

Ted Prangnell, Kennington.

## Where does land lie with new coalition?

Farmland, which has been increasing in value since spring 2009, will become even more valuable if the Conservative proposal to extend brownfield land status to land previously occupied by agricultural buildings is implemented. Allowing a wider range of uses gives owners and prospective buyers far more opportunity to bring jobs and income to rural property.

The Liberal Democrat pledge to cut subsidies from those they identify as the wealthiest recipients could have an unintended impact on rural employment, which would negate their efforts to aid poorer farmers.

It's unclear how the Liberal Democrat's proposal for a "food market regulator" will align with the Conservative proposal for a 'supermarket ombudsman' but the fact that both parties recognise the need for a more active approach in preventing anti-competitive practice is welcome.

While the rural sector broadly welcomes the Conservative recognition of farmland as a valuable national resource, it is not yet clear how the new government will implement rules preventing development of the most fertile farmland or how this will affect the value of farmland so designated.

David Hebditch, head of Chesterton  
Humberts rural practice



## Absenteeism target

ABSENCE rates have a direct correlation with how Kent's secondary schools fare in Ofsted inspections, according to new figures.

Of the four secondary schools currently rated "inadequate" in the county, three are among the ten worst for persistent absence.

The figures were revealed in a report to members of Kent County Council's learning and development policy overview and scrutiny committee.

Councillors were also told Kent had reached its target of no more than 5.5 per cent persistent absence a year early.

Rates of overall absenteeism have shown a year-on-year decrease from 8.19 per cent in 2006/07 to 7.63 per cent in 2008/09, which is still higher than the national average of 7.21 per cent.

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# KCC's scrutiny overhaul sees monthly accounts

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

KENT County Council has agreed to open itself up to greater scrutiny by publishing details of its monthly accounts.

The move comes just weeks after Liberal Democrat councillors accused the ruling Conservative administration of being opposed to transparency over what it spends taxpayers' money on.

However, cabinet member for finance Cllr John Simmonds said it was something he had planned to do for some time.

"We've been working on it for a year or so," he said. "It's nothing new. The runes were there and we knew it was something both Labour and the Tories wanted nationally, so we would have been stupid to bury our heads in the sand only to then panic when it was forced upon us."

Prime Minister David Cameron has already said he intends to make it a statutory duty for local authorities to publish much more information about how public money is spent by councils.

Cllr Simmonds revealed that KCC is to develop proposals on how to publish regular accounts of its spending and that it wants to implement them within a year.

However, he said the information needed to be



**BANK ON IT:** Greater transparency about KCC's use of taxpayers' money will lead to monthly accounts relevant enough to warrant the time and money spent on providing it.

He said: "The problem I have is that in the '£500 or more' category, we're talking about 300,000 entries per year or almost 6,000 per week. If you toss this amount of information into the ether, who is going to look at it and will it be meaningful?"

"We want it to have some purpose. We don't want to throw it all out there just so we can say

, 'Aren't we good'.

"Already with the Freedom of Information Act we receive a lot of spurious requests that are expensive to run and you're never quite sure where the individual is going with it. That's money that can be spent in better ways."

KCC came under fire last month when it was revealed that during 2008/09 County Hall had more senior officers earning in excess of £100,000 a year than any local authority in the UK.

The council also refused to name who was earning what and Cllr Simmonds said that would not change when it starts to publish monthly accounts.

He added: "I think we're going to have to provide details of people's salaries. I don't mind releasing job titles, but I hope we won't have to identify individuals."

"I doubt there are many people who would like everyone to know how much they earn."

Last month, Lib Dems accused the Tories of snubbing their request to discuss ways of publishing the council's expenses.

However, Lib Dem group leader Cllr Trudy Dean welcomed Cllr Simmonds' statements, despite his refusal to discuss the plans in public.

She said: "It's a shame he's chosen to do it in one of the committees that is private."

"It's chaired by me, I'll give him that, but if we're looking at the principles of transparency, then why can't it be held in public?"

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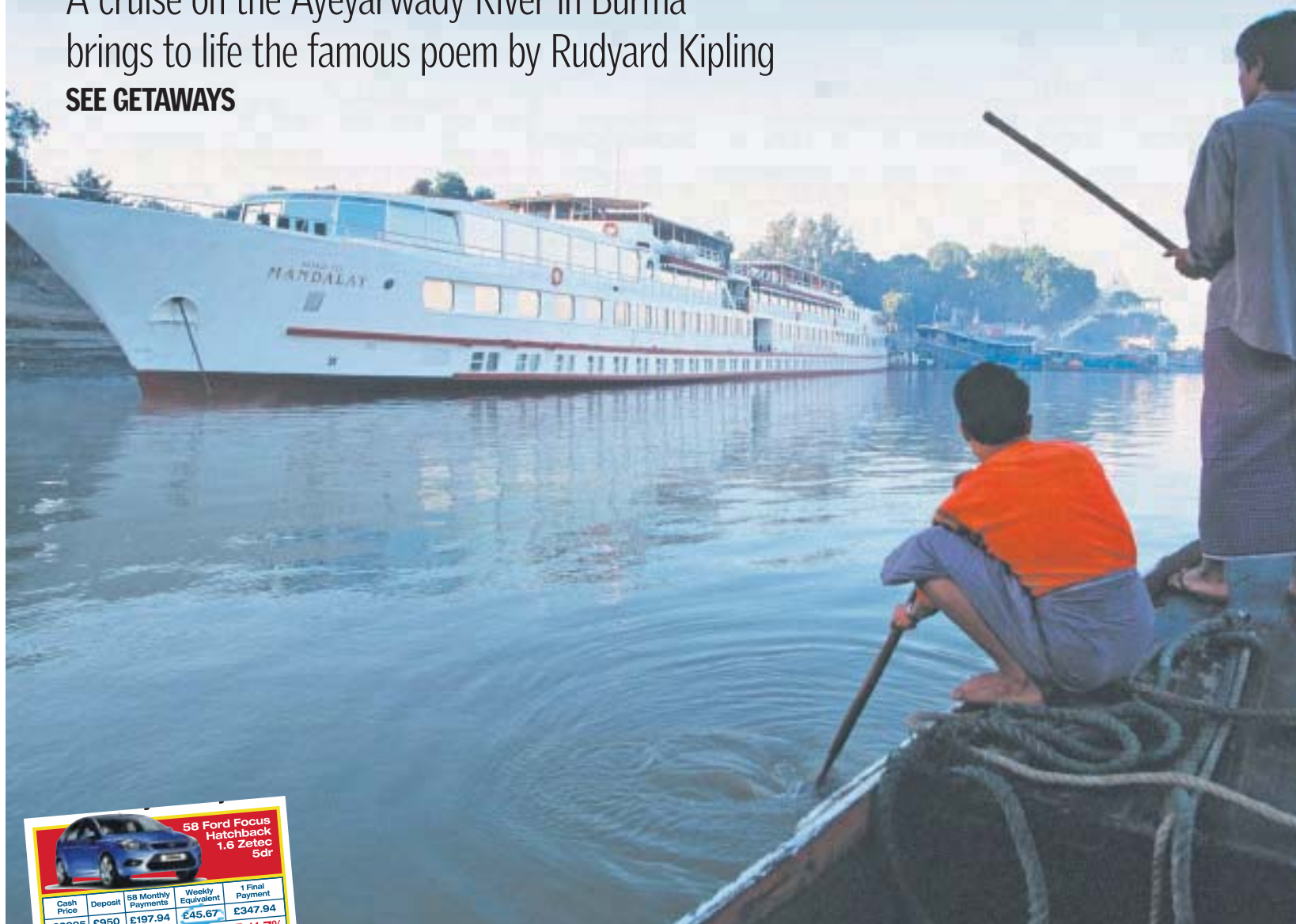


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### Find bargain on safari

DISCOVER a bargain with the Lympe Garage Sale Safari event on Sunday.

For 50p, buy a map from the village shop in Honeywood Close, which will guide visitors around the sales. Refreshments and toilets will be available at the village hall.

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### Son's dramatic debut

PHILIP Ayckbourn's first full-length play to tour the UK can be seen at the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs.

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### Night out with Tommy

CELEBRATE the legacy of a comedy legend when Jus' Like That – A Night Out with Tommy Cooper visits Margate.

Clive Mantle stars in the show about the much-loved star's life and career at Theatre Royal Margate at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £16. To book call 0845 130 1786 or 01227 787787 or visit [www.theatreroyalmargate.com](http://www.theatreroyalmargate.com).

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SINGERS aged between 16 and 30 are sought for the amusing musical, A Slice of Saturday Night.

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# Stand up for a festival of fun

## STAND UP! FOLKESTONE COMEDY FESTIVAL

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This year's festival kicks off with television star and acclaimed comic, Chris Addison, below, who will be entertaining an audience with his distinctive comedy on Friday night.

Combining whimsical observations and daft gags with 'lies and flapping about', the amiable

but animated performer will take fans on a journey through his unique world.

As well as being a hit on the stand-up circuit, Addison is also a rising television and film star. He is most noted for his role as a hapless junior policy advisor, Olly Reeder, in Armando Iannucci's BBC comedy, *The Thick of It*.

His co-star, Peter Capaldi, has become something of an icon with his portrayal of a foul-mouthed political spin doctor, and the pair reprised their roles in the BAFTA-winning film, *In The Loop*, which was also Oscar nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Addison also landed his own sitcom, *Lab Rats*, and hosts the BBC Five Live radio show, *Seven Day Sunday*. Friday's show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15.

Spot the stars of the future as six rising comics battle it out for your votes at the Quarterhouse and Lonestar Comedy Young Guns Newcomers Competition.

Suzi Ruffell, Danny Ward, Carly Smallman, Paul F Taylor, Mark Simmons each have 10 minutes to tickle those funny bones and the winner gets £100 and the chance to perform at Quarterhouse and Lonestar Clubs.

Established comic Trevor Lock will keep the audience laughing during the voting. Once a regular on Russell Brand's BBC Radio 2 show, Lock has become a popular comic on the circuit and is also a respected comedy writer.

The show starts at 10pm on Friday and tickets are £8, or £5 if bought with a ticket to see Chris Addison.

The fun continues on Saturday when Hardeep Singh Kohli, right, invites you to spend time with *The Nearly Naked Chef*.

The Glaswegian Sikh has a unique delivery and knows how to combine good food with great laughs in this acclaimed show.

The *Nearly Naked Chef* played to sold-out audiences at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival and now the extended, two-course version should satisfy the appetites of all comedy fans out there. Enjoy a taste of his comedy at 7.30pm on Saturday with tickets priced at £14/£12.

Experience the magic of *Disease Hour* and the hits of hospital radio DJ Ivan Brackenbury, when he rocks Quarterhouse at 8pm on Sunday. Alter ego Tom Binns has created a popular and enthusiastic persona at Brimlington General Hospital.

Described as a laugh-a-minute experience, Brackenbury's show is a comedy riot as the hospital radio presenter takes his show on the road and broadcasts back to his beloved patients in Brimlington. Tickets cost £10/£8.

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On Bank Holiday Monday there will be live music on Marine Terrace from noon, courtesy of the Ace Cafe London. Mods and rockers will be hopping on their bikes and taking their annual run to the seaside for the Margate Meltdown.

Carter's Steam Fair runs from 11am each day. Find out more at [www.dreamlandmargate.com](http://www.dreamlandmargate.com).



## MINISTRY OF SOUND: THE GALLERY

Saturday, May 29, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

CLUBBERS will be in seventh heaven when the Leas Cliff Hall hosts a major dance event.

Promotions company ToneDeff UK has teamed up with Ministry of Sound's most successful club night, The Gallery, to celebrate its 15th anniversary and Kent dance music fans have the chance to enjoy a spectacular all-nighter this weekend.

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Many electronic music fans in Kent have to travel far and wide to enjoy the best music in the genre, or visit London clubs such as Ministry of Sound and Fabric. But this weekend Kent clubbers have the chance to enjoy world class music on their doorstep.

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## OCEAN COLOUR SCENE

Sunday, May 30, Winter Gardens, Margate



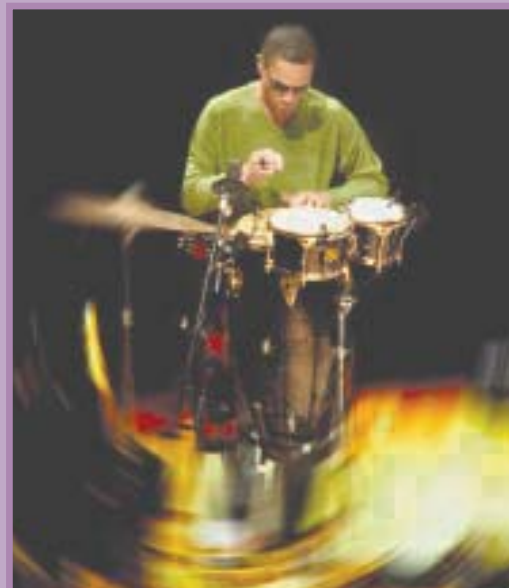
SPEND an evening with one of the country's most acclaimed live bands when Ocean Colour Scene visits Thanet.

Ocean Colour Scene was one of the key bands of the Brit Pop period, achieving several big hits with their distinctive guitar riffs, such as The Riverboat Song and The Day We Caught the Train. Three of their albums made the top five of the UK chart, with Marchin' Already reaching the number one in 1997.

The band's performance at the V Festivals last year earned them the honour of being named The Best Live Band of the Festival, and two subsequent sold-out concerts at the Shepherds Bush Empire confirmed their status as one of the indie rock scene's greatest live acts.

This weekend the band's front man Simon Fowler and drummer Oscar Harrison will be giving an intimate acoustic concert in the venue's Queen's Hall, while guitarist Steve Cradock tours with Paul Weller. Support will be provided by local surf rock group, Hazy Shade.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10. To book call the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or go online at [www.margatewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergardens.co.uk).



## FIVE STAR SWING

Sunday, May 30, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



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The band performed at the Vera Lynn Charity Ball in London and In the Mood features some great multi-instrumentalists and singers. At the helm is Chris Smith, who is a former composer for Glenn Miller's brother Herb, the BBC Big Band and the Royal Variety Performance.

There will also be a special guest, Simone of the Ivy Benson Orchestra, who has been seen on BBC's Children in Need.

Take a trip back to the heyday of swing with this highly entertaining and well-crafted production. The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12/£11.

To book call the box office on 01843 591750. More information can be found at [www.granvilletheatre.com](http://www.granvilletheatre.com).

## InME

Saturday, May 29, Westcoast, Margate



FIND out where the music comes from when InME rock the Westcoast this weekend.

Formed in 1996 under the name Drowned, the band decided to change their name five years later when they decided there were too many similarly-named groups. The new name was inspired when member Joe Morgan was asked where the music came from.

They signed with Music For Nations in 2001 but later moved to V2 and launched their own record label, Pandora's Box. They have since released two albums and are now back to promote their new release, Herald Moth.

Fei Comodo is one of the best screamo-hardcore bands in the country and they will be showing off their powerhouse style in a support slot. Telford-based band, Envy of the State, was invited to join the tour by InME and the show will be opened by alternative metal band, Imicus. Between sets, Mike Lloyd will be performing acoustic sets to keep the party mood going.

Doors open at 7.30pm. Priced at £10, advance tickets are available at [www.westcoastlive.co.uk](http://www.westcoastlive.co.uk), by emailing [westcoastbar1@aol.co.uk](mailto:westcoastbar1@aol.co.uk) or call 07938 090700.





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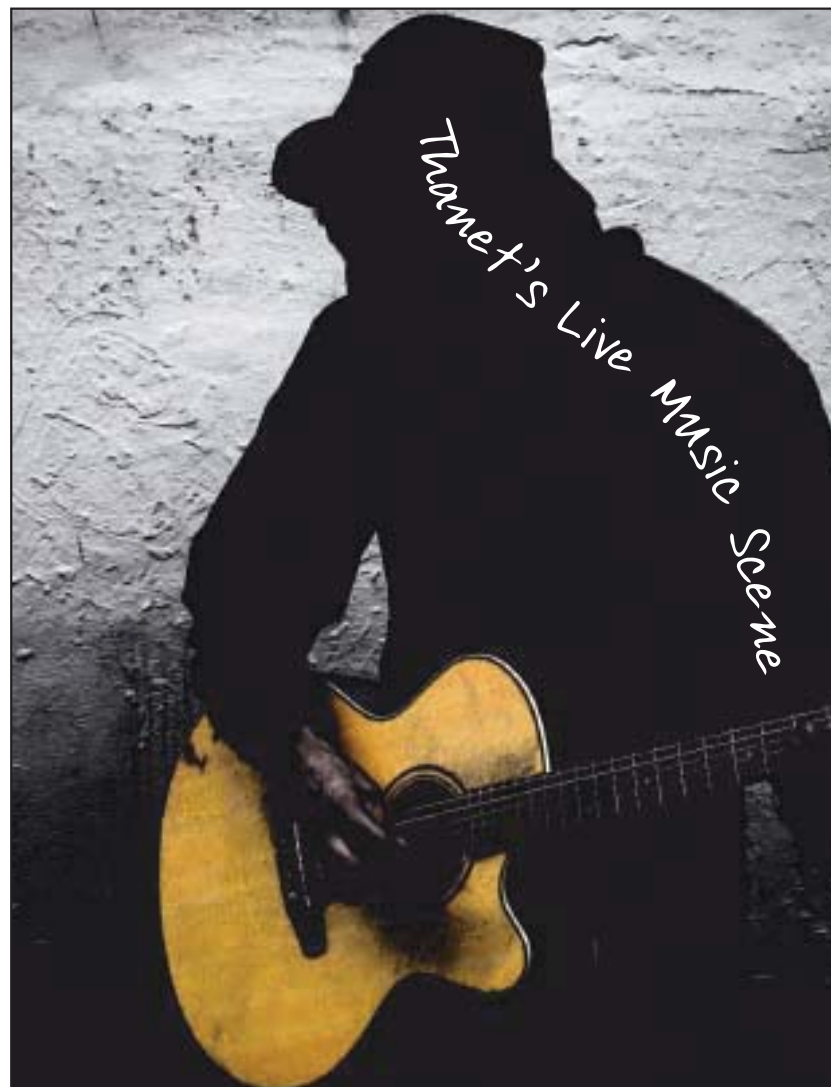
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Cardiff	19°C	Tokyo	18°C
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Ramsgate	Saturday	1:17pm 4.9m	Sunday	1:57pm 4.9m
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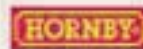
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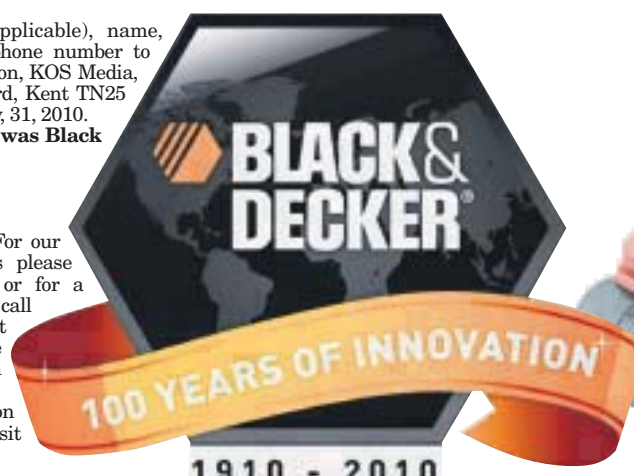
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## Getting ready for a laugh at LOTF



**STAND UP:** Phill Jupitus will be bringing his unique style of comedy to the festival

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

**FUNNYMAN** Phill Jupitus will headline this year's Lounge on the Farm comedy tent.

The established panel show and stand-up comic, a regular on the BBC's *Never Mind the Buzzcocks* and *QI* programmes, will bring the laughter line-up to a close on the festival's final night, Sunday, July 11.

Convicted drug smuggler turned author and mayoral candidate Howard Marks will also appear on the Canterbury three-day's comedy bill, taking to the stage on the second night.

A Lounge spokesman said: "With Mr Nice himself Howard Marks in attendance you can be sure of some jaw-droppingly amazing anecdotes from one of the world's greatest raconteurs."

"From being top of the FBI's most wanted list to running for Mayor of London Howard has a treasure trove of tales to draw upon and simply can't be missed. "Sunday will see all-round comedy colossus Phill Jupitus bring his *Impro All Stars* to Merton Farm for some side-splitting unscripted shenanigans.

"Phill is a master at work who will make sure that Lounge on the Farm ends in side-splitting style."

Other highlights from The Playhouse comedy tent include Andre Vincent, who has notched up three sell-out runs at the Edinburgh Festival, and Marty McLean, who has spent the last 11 years taking his observational and occasionally dark humour across North America and Europe.

Comic Pete Cain is also one to watch. The stand-up's second ever gig saw him reach the semi-finals of Channel 4's *So You Think You're Funny* competition in 2002.

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- 5 I.R.I.S - Aversion To Light (from Deal)

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# On the road to Mandalay, where the flyin'-fishes play

■ BY THEO UNDERWOOD

IT'S more than 100 years since Rudyard Kipling painted a famous portrait of the East in his poem, *Mandalay* – and when you sail down the Ayeyarwady River in Burma on a luxury cruiser you feel that little has changed since then.

It is hardly, of course, a coincidence that the boat we are travelling on carries the same name as Oley Speaks' later song adaptation of the poem.

The 300ft Road To Mandalay carries 82 passengers in old colonial grandeur and five-star cabins.

To catch the boat, you fly to Singapore and on to Yangon before catching the rickety plane which hovers above dense green jungles, with Burmese military men taking all the front seats.

After that, the creature comforts of The Road To Mandalay are a soothing surprise.

The £4 million refurbishment has created an elegant restaurant with teak wall carvings from Amanapura. Also, 34 new state and deluxe cabins have en-suite bathrooms with jade tiles and walk-in showers.

Now we can sit on deck as Kipling's vivid vision of dawn breaking like thunder and temples shimmering in the sunlight comes to life before our eyes.

Children splash in the shallows, playing tag among themselves while their mothers wash the family's longis – traditional Burmese robes – in the river's thick, khaki-green water.

Fishermen, armed only with bamboo sticks for rods and the bottoms of plastic bottles for goggles, hunt their daily catch from long-tail boats.

Beyond the river's banks, hundreds of pagodas – some made of red sandstone, others gilded with gold leaf – are scattered across the rice fields.

Burma, for much of the time, seems

### FACT FILE: BURMA

Capital	Naypyidaw
Capital	Cairo
Language	Burmese
Population	approx 50,000,000
Currency	Kyat
Religion	Buddhist



Theo Underwood was a guest of Orient Express, which offers the five-night journey in Burma from £1,960, including return flights Bangkok-Yangon-Bangkok, two nights' B&B at The Governor's Residence in Yangon and three nights' full-board in a superior cabin on The Road To Mandalay, a half day's sightseeing tour in Yangon and all internal flights and transfers. Orient Express reservations: 0845 077 2222 and [www.orient-express.com](http://www.orient-express.com).

International flights extra, from approx £745 return.

- With no Burmese currency, the Kyat, available outside the country, tourists pay in dollars. Notes should be of low denomination (below \$20), clean and crisp.
- Visa needed by British passport holders costs £14, lasts 90 days and allows a visit up to 28 days. Apply to Burmese Embassy in London, although Orient-Express also arranges visas.

to have missed out on the 20th century: Or perhaps it is a trick of the strange, ethereal quality of the light.

Before setting sail from Mandalay, I took a rowing boat out on Taung Tha Man lake. The light at dusk broke through the teak struts of U Bein's bridge – a 1,300m-long skeletal structure rising from the water.

However, one of the most exhilarating experiences Burma offers awaited us 120 miles downstream.

A hot-air balloon whisked us 2,000ft above the ancient city of Bagan for a breathtaking view of its 4,000 temples, stupas and pagodas.

The city itself no longer exists, but its shrines to Buddha, built over hundreds of years on a stretch of delta the size of Manhattan Island, appear one by one at sunrise to form an intricate, crimson patchwork on an ochre landscape.

After our bumpy landing, eased by Champagne, we joined a bicycle tour for a close-up view of Bagan's temples.

Many are adorned with frescos telling the story of Buddha and although most have decayed in to ruin, or are awaiting restoration following the devastating 1975 earthquake, there are a few murals worth seeing – thanks to the intervention of UNESCO.

It is easy to be overawed by spectacular monuments to Buddhism in Bagan. While a temple, stupa or pagoda can be found at every turn, Burmese people deeply respect the religion and the monks – even if they are not committed Buddhists.

Given the tense political situation, many travellers avoid Burma. However, Orient-Express argues its involvement preserves jobs – around 150 on the boat and 110 at The Governor's Residence Hotel.

Square your own conscience before you depart. Repression may enable Burma to preserve the mystery of the Orient, lost beneath tourist hordes in other parts of south-east Asia.



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**CIVIC**, 1.8ES, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, galaxy grey, 25000 miles, £11500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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**FOX**, Urban, 2007, abs brakes cd player immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, grey, 32085 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**FOX**, Urban, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, black, 8500 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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**FOX**, Urban, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering sports seats trip computer remote central locking, black, 5000 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**FOX**, URBAN, 2007, cd player central locking drivers airbag power steering tinted glass remote central locking, black, 13350 miles, £5680, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**FOX**, 1.2 URBAN, 2008, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats, red, 8000 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**FOX**, 1.2 URBAN, 2008, cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering single cd player tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, red, 2505 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOX**, Fox, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, metallic black, 40000 miles, £4200, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOX**, Urban, 2007, abs brakes cd player immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, grey, 32085 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOX**, 1.2 URBAN, 2006, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls, black, 47803 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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**GOLF**, S FSI (AC), 2006, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag immobiliser power steering, blue, 30292 miles, £8500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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**GOLF**, GTi DSG, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags, black, 55000 miles, £13750, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**GOLF**, 1.6, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control remote central locking, grey, 21206 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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### Buy-to-let market gets loans boost

Steve Osborne, The Mortgage Man, shares his knowledge with you in this new fortnightly column



THE buy-to-let sector looks likely to be revitalised following the re-introduction of 80 per cent mortgages to this area of the housing market.

It marks an end to a long period during which lenders were wary of providing funds for the buy to let market and were insisting on borrowers raising a significant deposit before providing any finance.

This requirement stifled the market by making it difficult for investors to withdraw equity from their portfolios to make further purchases.

This week's re-introduction of 80 per cent mortgages for buy-to-let properties means that landlords now only need to find a deposit of 20 per cent in order to purchase homes to let.

Although the offer is currently only available to experienced landlords, it is a major leap forward and I expect to see further enhancements in the weeks and months to come.

We are still some way off of seeing 85 per cent borrowing available for buy-to-lets, which is where we were some time ago, but I don't believe this is a bad thing if we want to see long-term growth and stability in the housing market as a whole.

Fees are still an issue with buy-to-let mortgages, with many lenders charging up to 3.5 per cent at the outset. While this may work for smaller mortgages, it makes larger loans expensive and it would be helpful to see some lenders offering a fixed fee structure.

As with all mortgages, landlords need to weigh up the total cost of borrowing and not just consider the headline rate, however appealing it may appear.

This more relaxed lending approach is bound to result in more people buying second homes to let, and with house prices lower than they have been in the past, this may be the right time to buy.

There are lots of options and pitfalls, though, so make sure you get professional advice before considering buying property to let.

Steve Osborne The Mortgage Company Ashford



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# Price rise allays fears of 'double dip' market

■ BY NICK AMES

HOUSE prices will rise by an average of £9,000 this year, despite a slower-than-usual start to 2010, economists have predicted.

Interest rates will remain low, encouraging buyers to return to the market, and this will have the effect of boosting prices by 5.3 per cent this year, according to the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR).

It means the value of the average home in the UK would rise from £169,500, as calculated by Britain's biggest lender Halifax, to £178,500 by the end of this year.

The predictions have gone on to look at how things will turn out over the coming years as well. There will be a lower increase of 3.4 per cent in 2011, followed by a strong rise of nine per cent in 2012, CEBR predicted.

It comes after a fall in prices of more than 16 per cent in 2008 amid the financial meltdown which severely hit the market and led to gloomy predictions about the future.

David Hollingworth, of mortgage brokers London and Country, said: "It does not suggest that the market is back to normal, as transactions remain low, but it is a step in the right direction and it puts paid to suggestions of a double dip in the housing market."

The Bank of England is widely predicted to increase interest rates to 2.25 per cent by the end of 2011, but CEBR forecasts it will remain



at 0.5 per cent until then. The group added, however, that the bank rate could be temporarily higher if there was a hung parliament. But the impact of this was likely to be temporary, it said, and within 18 months rates would be back where they would have been if

a single party had won the election.

It suggested average mortgage rates will fall from current levels of around four per cent to three per cent by the beginning of 2011 as markets begin to realize that interest rates will stay lower for longer than expected.

## Fixed rate loans reach new low

FIXED-RATE mortgages have fallen to their lowest level since April 2007, while average two-year fixed-rate offers have fallen 3.36 per cent since April 2008, according to a new report.

Hannah-Mercedes Skenfield, the mortgages channel manager for the website moneysupermarket.com, revealed the results of the company's study and said that it was promising that fixed-rate mortgage rates were "moving in the right direction" and were returning to their lowest level since the height of the recession.

She continued: "With inflation rising, the potential for the Bank of England to increase the base rate in the near future increases, so borrowers who are looking to fix their mortgage repayment should consider whether now

is the perfect time to switch."

However, Ms Skenfield added that borrowers need to consider any fees associated with the mortgage switch before they make any decisions to grab the lowest rate available, as the deal may not represent the best value in the long run.

According to John Charcol research released this week, last month's home loan market was dominated by variable rates, which accounted for 84 per cent of mortgages.

The news comes alongside predictions for the future of the housing market over the next few months.

A spokeswoman for the Council of Mortgage Lenders made her assertions that there will be little movement following release of the Hometrack house price index, which explained

that house prices increased by 0.2 per cent in April.

Furthermore, the supply of homes for sale – coming in at 3.7 per cent of the market as a whole – is outstripping demand, which remains at a comparatively low one per cent.

The representative further explained that there would be a major slowing-down in the market and asserted that the organisation was not expecting too much movement on prices or transactions.

She continued: "There'll be a few ups and downs as we go along which is to be expected but at the moment there are very, very low levels of transactions."

"Not very many people out there are actually buying houses or mortgaging houses at the moment."

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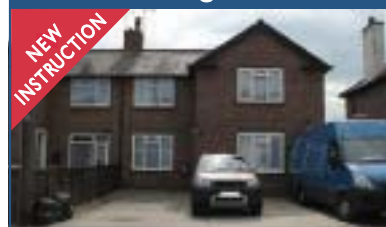
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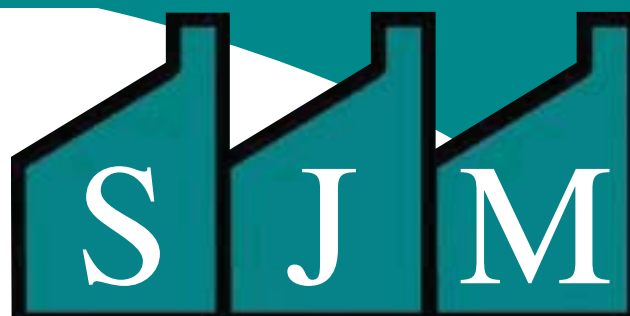


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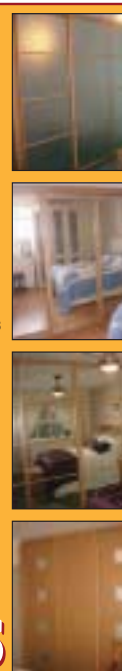
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Ashford Town 1st XI v Canterbury 1st XI

ASHFORD Town are still searching for their first win of the season as a century from captain Liam Tegg could only help his side to a winning draw.

Town elected to bat after winning the toss and openers Simon Taylor and Tegg made a brisk start to the innings. Taylor hit a solid 59 and he was backed up by 20 year-old skipper Tegg, who plundered 109 before falling to the bowling of Ben Cooper.

Tegg's departure spelt the end of Ashford's solid start as wickets tumbled. Cooper finished with figures of 6 for 88. Ashford finished their 50 overs on 254 for 7, which gave them a reasonable chance to clinch their maiden win.

Needing more than five runs an over to chase down the target, Canterbury were never able to gain the upper hand in their reply. Both Neil Kimberley (24) and Stuart Drakeley (15) got out after beginning to look well set.

Craig Buckham caused Canterbury all kinds of problems and his four wickets left the visitors hoping to hang on for a draw.

Sam Kennett grabbed his second wicket of the game shortly after but Ashford's progress was halted by Ryan Minter and Josh Staunton. The pair managed to bat out the final overs and deny Ashford the win.

Ashford hope to get off the mark this Saturday, when they take on Blackheath.

Town remain winless



DENIED: Liam Tegg's century was not enough to see Ashford home to their first win of the season

SCOREBOARD

Ashford Town 1st XI

	Runs
Simon Taylor	ct Wren b Cooper ..... 59
Liam Tegg	b Cooper ..... 109
Luke Reeves	ct Clarke b Cooper ..... 21
Kyle McAlister	ct Kimberley b Cooper ..... 16
Gary Sutton	b Wren ..... 4
Peter Shields	ct Macvicar b Cooper ..... 23
Sam Kennett	ct Wren b Cooper ..... 8
Craig Buckham	not out ..... 5
Mohsin Raza	not out ..... 0
Shane Beech	did not bat ..... 0
Luca Sardo	did not bat ..... 0

Extras (5b 3lb 1w) ..... 9

Total (7 wickets, 50 overs) ..... 254

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Ryan Minter	7	1	23	0
Ben Clarke	6	2	16	0
Justin Macvicar	3	0	20	0
Ben Cooper	14	0	88	6
Luke Samarasinghe	5	0	23	0
Tim Wren	15	1	76	1

Canterbury 1st XI

	Runs
Neil Kimberley	b Taylor ..... 24
Stuart Drakeley	ct McAlister b Kennett ..... 15
Paul Steer	ct Tegg b Buckham ..... 16
Luke Samarasinghe	ct Beech b Buckham ..... 46
Stuart Sinclair	lbw b Buckham ..... 4
Ryan Minter	not out ..... 36
Justin Macvicar	ct Taylor b Buckham ..... 1
Ben Clarke	ct McAlister b Kennett ..... 13
Josh Staunton	not out ..... 1
Tim Wren	did not bat ..... 0
Ben Cooper	did not bat ..... 0

Extras (1b 3lb 3w) ..... 7

Total (7 wickets, 50 overs) ..... 163

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Mohsin Raza	11	2	28	0
Sam Kennett	8	1	25	2
Simon Taylor	7	2	17	1
Luca Sardo	5	0	30	0
Craig Buckham	12	0	31	4
Liam Tegg	7	2	28	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tenterden 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI

TENTERDEN'S 100 per cent winning start to the Kent League Division Two season came to an end after a winning draw against Broadstairs on Saturday.

The hosts batted first and after an early collapse with three of their top five registering ducks, they recovered to 218 for 8 from their 50 overs. Simon Berry (43) and Ben Daking (40) salvaged the innings late on.

Tenterden's bowling attack set their sights on victory but despite a spirited display they came two wickets short of a third consecutive win. Timir Chanda was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 3 for 32.

Tenterden 1st XI

	Runs
Tim Curteis	ct Ross b Narraway ..... 0
Andrew Crawford	ct Brennan b Ross ..... 18
Timir Chanda	ct Hogben b Narraway ..... 20
Darren Bailey	ct Hogben b Narraway ..... 0
Nick Daynes	lbw b Ross ..... 0
Paul Brann	ct Brennan b Rattigan ..... 34
Simon Berry	ct Hogben b Rattigan ..... 43
Ben Daking	not out ..... 40
Mark Brann	lbw b Narraway ..... 13
James Rand	not out ..... 25
Mark Baker	did not bat ..... 0

Extras ..... (11b 6lb 8w) ..... 25

Total ..... (8 wickets, 50 overs) ..... 218

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Liam Narraway	15	3	66	4
Michael Ross	15	5	43	2
Ashley Ellison	10	1	41	0
Martin Rattigan	10	0	51	2

Broadstairs 1st XI

	Runs
Michael Ross	b Chanda ..... 12
Jake Benfield	b Baker ..... 24
Alex Hogben	ct Berry b Rand ..... 12
David Cooper	b Chanda ..... 29
Scott Narraway	ct Curteis b Baker ..... 19
Neil Brennan	b Chanda ..... 61
Terry Bond	ct Daynes b Rand ..... 4
Liam Narraway	ct Bailey b Curteis ..... 2
Sam Winsor	not out ..... 4
Martin Rattigan	not out ..... 5
Ashley Ellison	did not bat ..... 0

Extras ..... (5b 3lb 3w 2nb) ..... 13

Total ..... (8 wickets, 50 overs) ..... 185

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Ben Daking	5	1	31	0
James Rand	10	3	37	2
Mark Baker	15	6	56	2
Timir Chanda	15	7	32	3
Tim Curteis	5	0	21	1

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Wye 1st XI v Old Williamsonsians 1st XI

AN INSPIRED display from bowlers from the Wye bowling attack helped steer them to a 35-run win.

The afternoon started poorly for Wye as their top three batsmen were dismissed for 21 runs. The innings was rescued by Giles Starley's 59 and Elgar's 28 as they went on to post a total of 168.

Quick wickets were in order to keep Wye's hopes of a win alive and their bowlers duly responded. Elgar, Wise and Jordan Reed-Ashton took four early wickets to leave Old Williamsonsians 43 for 4. The visitors briefly recovered but Wye eventually dismissed them for 133.

Wye 1st XI

	Runs
Jordan Reed-Ashton	b Masters ..... 8
David Fletcher	ct Whitnell b Patterson ..... 4
Daniel Noden	ct Parnell b Patterson ..... 9
Giles Starley	b Butcher ..... 59
Raj Mahadevaiah	b Butcher ..... 4
Stuart Wise	ct Meyers b Butcher ..... 12
Will Elgar	ct Wood b J Child ..... 28
Alex Woodbridge	b J Child ..... 0
Matt Barlow	b J Child ..... 0
Keith Secrett	b J Child ..... 3
Mark Shannon	not out ..... 1

Extras ..... (12b 6lb 21w 1nb) ..... 40

Total ..... (all out, 43.4 overs) ..... 168

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Phil Patterson	10	2	26	2
Jimmy Masters	7	2	26	1
Luke Butcher	8	1	23	3
Jonathan Child	8.4	1	19	4
Peter Meyers	4	0	15	0
Hugo Parnell	4	0	18	0
David Child	2	0	23	0

Old Williamsonsians 1st XI

	Runs
Luke Butcher	ct Secrett b Elgar ..... 2
James Whitnell	b Wise ..... 32
Sean Hollbrook	lbw b Reed-Ashton ..... 0
Jonathan Child	ct Noden b Reed-Ashton ..... 1
David Child	b Wise ..... 36
Hugo Parnell	b Shannon ..... 28
Ashley Pentecost	ct Woodbridge b Secrett ..... 6
Andy Wood	b Wise ..... 0
Phil Patterson	lbw b Wise ..... 7
Jimmy Masters	b Wise ..... 2
Peter Meyers	not out ..... 1

Extras ..... (5b 6lb 7w) ..... 18

Total ..... (all out, 42 overs) ..... 133

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Will Elgar	5	3	13	1
Alex Woodbridge	4	1	17	0
Stuart Wise	11	3	21	5
Jordan Reed-Ashton	6	2	16	0
Matt Barlow	3	0	14	0
Mark Shannon	6	0	24	1
Keith Secrett	7	1	17	1

KENT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Yalding 1st XI v Mersham Sports 1st XI

CENTURIES from Mersham Sports' Dave Fagg and Alan Stevens condemned Yalding to a four-wicket defeat in the Kent Cricket Regional League.

Yalding gave themselves a platform for victory after scoring 251 for 6 from their 46 overs, which included an unbeaten century from Marty Hollis.

However, Mersham didn't let the total worry them and their batsmen adapted to the challenge. Centuries from Fagg (100) and Stevens (109) put the visitors in a great position. Despite a solid showing from Jumshad Haider, who took four wickets, Mersham won the game with four overs remaining.

Yalding 1st XI

	Runs
Matthew Thomas	ct Pugh b Wise ..... 1
Graham Hutchins	lbw b Wise ..... 19
Marty Hollis	not out ..... 101
Usman Pervaiz	ct Pugh b Tyrrell ..... 38
Alistair Ratcliff	b Tyrrell ..... 10
Joel Shopland	c & b Tyrrell ..... 0
Zeeshan Fazal	ct Colthup b Stevens ..... 55
Mohammad Waseem	not out ..... 10
Jumshad Haider	did not bat ..... 0
Dushyanth Gnanappiragasam	did not bat ..... 0
Anthony Shepherd	did not bat ..... 17
Extras	(2b 6lb 9wb) ..... 17
Total	(6 wickets, 46 overs) ..... 251

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
John Harman	12	3	48	0
Kevin Wise	8	1	40	2
Vince Tyrrell	12	3	41	3
Darren Pugh	11	0	76	0
Alan Stevens	3	0	38	1

Mersham Sports 1st XI

	Runs
Darren Pugh	ct Thomas b Haider ..... 11
E Holland-Kemp	ct Hollis b Haider ..... 12
Alan Stevens	not out ..... 109
David Harman	ct Thomas b Haider ..... 0
Rob Wilson	b Haider ..... 2
Dave Fagg	run out Hollis ..... 100
William Colthup	b Pervaiz ..... 0
John Southern	not out ..... 0
Kevin Wise	did not bat ..... 0
John Harman	did not bat ..... 0
Vince Tyrrell	did not bat ..... 18
Extras	(1b 4lb 10w 3nb) ..... 18
Total	(6 wickets, 42.2 overs) ..... 252

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Jumshad Haider	12	5	54	4
Usman Pervaiz	12	1	45	1
Anthony Shepherd	7.2	0	50	0
Dushyanth Gnanappiragasam	7	0	44	0
Mohammad Waseem	4	0	54	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE 1B CENTRAL

Gore Court 3rd XI v Willesborough 1st XI

JOHN Scamp's five-wicket haul was the highlight for Willesborough as they recorded a seven-wicket defeat against Gore Court 3rd XI.

Court were put into bat but they never really troubled the scoreboard, scoring just 107 before being dismissed. Scamp did the majority of the damage with figures of 5 for 21.

Willesborough's run chase began slowly as the wickets of openers John Webster and Graeme Marsh fell cheaply. Lewis Back (46) put the chase back on track and it was left to him and Vishal Sajikumar to hit the winning runs with ease.

Gore Court 3rd XI

	Runs
James Lelliott	ct Back b Stuckey ..... 0
Daniel Glazier	b Webster ..... 3
Ali Rushworth	ct Stuckey b Scamp ..... 42
Geoffrey Fernand	b Scamp ..... 16
Matt Kingsnorth	lbw b Webster ..... 8
Andrew Nutting	lbw b Scamp ..... 1
James Newell	ct Sharp b Scamp ..... 2
Luke Girt	ct Marsh b Scamp ..... 0
Josh Hayes	b Wilmer ..... 16
Tom Passey	not out ..... 5

Extras ..... (all out, 42.3 overs) ..... 14

Total ..... 107

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Callum Stuckey	10	2	28	1
John Webster	10.3	3	24	2
John Scamp	11	5	21	5
Stuart Wilmer	11	1	22	1

Willesborough 1st XI

	Runs
John Webster	lbw b Newell ..... 16
Graeme Marsh	lbw b Newell ..... 18
Lewis Back	not out ..... 46
Jez Sharp	b Glazier ..... 17
Robert Ades	retired not out ..... 1
Vishal Sajikumar	not out ..... 7
Stuart Wilmer	did not bat ..... 0
Callum Stuckey	did not bat ..... 0
John Scamp	did not bat ..... 0
Jake Murphy	did not bat ..... 0
Ashley Robinson	did not bat ..... 0

Extras ..... (3 wickets, 32.1 overs) ..... 4

Total ..... 109

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
James Newell	12	2	33	2
Daniel Glazier	12	3	38	1
James Lelliott	3	0	15	0
Tom Passey	3	2	8	0
Josh Hayes	2.1	0	11	0



# London 2012 on my mind, admits Lisa

## ATHLETICS

BY TOM HOWARD

LONDON 2012 may be more than two years away, but Lisa Dobriskey's path to gold is already under way with the 1500m athlete describing this season as "vital" in fulfilling her Olympic dream.

The world silver medalist is one of Great Britain's gold medal hopefuls on home soil. Although the London Games are still almost 800 days away, the 26-year-old is using this season to plan the best way to prepare for the Olympics.

After a back injury disrupted her winter training, the Ashford-born athlete is now fully fit and eager to begin her summer campaign which is dominated this year by July's European Athletics Championships.

Winning the championships in Barcelona is her main goal, but London 2012 is never far from her mind.

Last month Dobriskey completed an intense altitude training session in the

Spanish Pyrenees, instead of her normal preparation in a bid to see if there any advantages to be gained for the Olympics.

She said: "It's a big year and one which we can experiment and take risks to make sure we get everything 100 per cent perfect for 2012."

"The Games are two years away but the preparations really start now. It will be interesting to see the results and the information will be vital as to whether we will use any new methods in the lead up to 2012."

"It can be very easy to become overwhelmed by the fact the Olympics are going to be in London soon. I have been forcing myself not to think about it and make sure I'm focused and in my own little bubble."

Dobriskey, who began her season with a fourth place in the 3000m at the Loughborough International meeting on Sunday, remains unsure whether her schedule will allow her to defend her 1500m title at the Commonwealth Games in October.

She will be racing in the rebranded elite Diamond League, which began in Qatar last weekend, and intends to race in the fifth round in New York next month.



Picture ADY KERRY

**HOME RUN:** Lisa Dobriskey says this season is vital to her preparation for what she hopes will be a golden year at the London 2012 Olympics

## FOOTBALL



Picture KOB KUPKO

**PLEASED:** Ashford Town boss Steve Lovell has signed Adam Flanagan from Dartford

## Darts defender a big boost for Town

FORMER Dartford defender Adam Flanagan is the first new face to join Steve Lovell's Ashford Town side for next season.

The Ashford boss admitted last week he intends to bring in at least six new signings to add to his side for the new campaign after having been embroiled in a relegation scrap last season. The capture of Flanagan confirms the club's bid for a shot at promotion next season.

The experienced defender played a large part in Dartford's Ryman Premier League winning side and Lovell moved quickly to sign him following his release from Princes Park.

Lovell said: "I'm pleased we've managed to sign him and he will bring a lot of experience to our side. Last year we knew it was going to be a tough but this season we are very much looking for a top-half finish or even better."

A pre-season friendly against near neighbours Folkestone Invicta has been confirmed for July 27 at Cheriton Road.

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# Sponsors aid Reeves' Isle of Man TT hopes

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MULTIPLE world sidecar champion Tim Reeves will compete in the Isle of Man TT next month after securing the sponsorship required to do battle in the notorious road race.

The sidecar veteran from Tenterden admitted last month his chances of competing at the famous road race were slim after one of his major sponsors withdrew. But increased support from existing sponsors Double M Racing and Haith has booked his place on the start line.

Reeves is a three-time world champion but has never won the prestigious event on the epic 37.7-mile Manx road course. The closest he has



**RETURN:** Tim Reeves (driving) will race in the Isle of Man TT thanks to increased support from his sponsors come to reaching the top step of the podium was a third-place finish on his debut in 2008.

Now armed with the necessary backing to challenge for victory, the 38-year old, making his third visit to the island, immediately becomes one of the favourites for this year's race.

Reeves said: "We had a few problems with sponsorship early on but thankfully that is all behind us now and we are getting ready for the TT."

"I was really unsure if it was going to happen this year but they've pulled me out the mire and I'm now fully focused on getting the F2 bike ready in time and repaying them with the best result I possibly can."

Free practice on the island starts this Saturday, with the first of Reeves' two sidecar races on Saturday, June 5.

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